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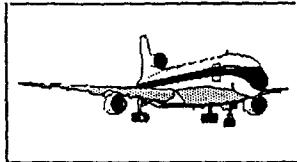
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AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL AIRPORT



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TO: ~~DOCKET OFFICE~~

FROM: FRED KRUM

DATE: JUNE 6, 1997

SUBJECT: DOCKET #OST-97-2557-6

MESSAGE: PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED NUMEROUS

LETTERS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT

FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,

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DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND

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SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE

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Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

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Dear Mr. Carbonell:

Frederick J. Krum
Director

The Akron-Canton Regional Airport is an enthusiastic supporter of your company's proposal to fly non-stop from our Airport into New York's LaGuardia Airport.

Our Airport serves the metropolitan areas of Akron and Canton which has a total of 1.1 million people. This area has been without non-stop service to New York since 1973. We know of no other metropolitan area of this size in the country that does not enjoy New York service from their local airport.

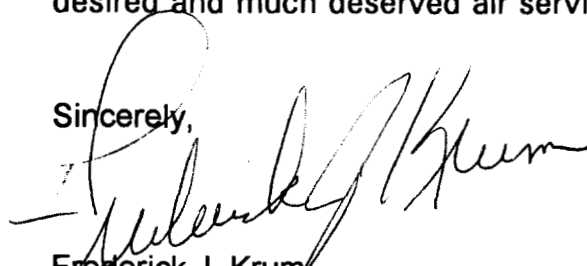
Today, people are forced to drive to Cleveland burning thousands of gallons of gas a day to fly non-stop service into New York. This proposed service would take people off the highway and provide a convenient and cost efficient alternative.

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5400 Lauby Road NW - Box 9
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On behalf of the Akron Canton Regional Airport Authority and the 1.1 million people who live in our area, we are 100% behind this highly desired and much deserved air service proposal.

Sincerely,



Frederick J. Krum
Director of Aviation

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Enclosures



GEORGE V. VOINOVICH
GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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June 4, 1997

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Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

AirTran Airways began providing reasonable fare jet service to Orlando from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport in 1996 and from the Toledo Airport in 1997. Both markets are medium sized with a significant industrial concentration. In light of the economical boost that AirTran has provided to northeast Ohio businesses, we are supporting your bid to be granted flight service from both airports to LaGuardia Airport in New York.

Both Akron-Canton and Toledo Airports have been designated as key secondary passenger service airports in the "Access Ohio" report compiled by the State of Ohio Department of Transportation. The report analyzes Ohio's transportation infrastructure and lays out a strategic plan for the future. AirTran's attempt to build service from these airports fits the community's needs and the recommendations from "Access Ohio."

Quality, affordable air service is directly linked to the economic stability of the region. AirTran Airways provides service at up to 50% off current published unrestricted fares. That type of price leadership creates value for business and leisure travelers. Again, we support AirTran's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to expand this good service to New York.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
Governor





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May 29, 1997

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

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Sincerely,

ROY L. RAY
State Senator

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6280 Hazeltine National Drive
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Dear Mr. Carbonell:

AirTran Airways has provided a valuable service to the people in the Canton-Akron area with the establishment of its non-stop flight over a year ago.

It is exciting to know that your airline has made application with the U.S. Department of Transportation for non-stop service to New York City. Many business people in our region will find it to be extremely convenient to have access to this quality and affordable service so close to home.

I therefore enthusiastically support your efforts to establish this important service to the people of the Canton-Akron community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kirk Schuring", is written over the typed name and title.
Kirk Schuring
State Representative
55th House District

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RICHARD D. WATKINS
MAYOR



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May 28, 1997

Gus Carbonell
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AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
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Very truly yours,


RICHARD D. WATKINS
Mayor

RDW:mh



City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

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May 29, 1997

Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

Business and recreational travelers in the greater Akron area have benefitted for many years from the convenience and availability of flights out of Akron-Canton Regional Airport. AirTran Airways flights to Orlando are, in part, responsible for the increased popularity of the airport. I believe adding direct AirTran Airways service to New York would further boost the reputation of this centrally-located facility and of your airline.

The City of Akron supports your company's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport and is pleased to see that you are including Akron-Canton Airport in your long-term plans. AirTran's non-stop service to LaGuardia would offer our community an alternative to less convenient and higher-priced flights currently available to this popular destination.

We encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to allow AirTrain Airways access to the slots it requests in New York, so residents of greater Akron can take advantage of what I feel is an attractive value.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC

Mayor

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

May 29, 1997

TIM DAVIS, EXECUTIVE

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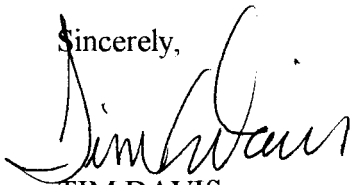
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Because we recognize the need for affordable transportation to New York, we enthusiastically support Air Tran's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport. Akron-Canton is centrally located and offers low parking and easy access. We are glad to see that airlines are recognizing the importance of smaller airports in their strategic planning efforts.

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Sincerely,



TIM DAVIS
EXECUTIVE

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CITY OF GREEN

John Torok, Mayor

May 30, 1997

Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

For more than a year, AirTran Airways has provided service to Orlando from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We recognize AirTran as a price and quality leader based upon their track record, having flown more than 90,000 people to and from Orlando. We also appreciate their commitment to serving medium sized markets with nonstop jet service at a price we can all afford.

We enthusiastically support AirTran's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport, recognizing the need for affordable transportation to New York. Akron-Canton Airport is centrally located and offers low cost parking and easy access from I-77. We are glad to see that airlines are recognizing the importance of smaller airports in their strategic planning efforts.

If AirTran obtains the slots it is requesting, travelers will be able to fly non-stop to LaGuardia at up to 50% off current, published, unrestricted fares. Travelers to Orlando who previously were forced to drive for economical reasons, can now fly - due to the availability of affordable fares.

We would like to see the same affordable fares available between Akron-Canton and LaGuardia Airports -- a move that I believe will benefit the entire region.

We appreciate your consideration and support, and encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant the slots requested by AirTran.

Sincerely,

John Torok
Mayor



CITY OF GREEN

John Torok, Mayor
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Wayne L. Wiethe, AICP
Planning Director

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May 30, 1997

Gus Carbonell, Vice President of Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

As Director of Planning and Development for the City of Green, I believe that jet service to the New York market via AirTran Airways would be very beneficial to the citizens and corporations which are located in the Akron-Canton region of Ohio. The City of Green sits in the middle of this region, with the Akron-Canton Regional Airport located within the City.

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Sincerely,

Wayne L. Wiethe
Planning Director

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cc: City Council Members



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Vice President, Planning
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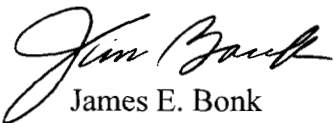
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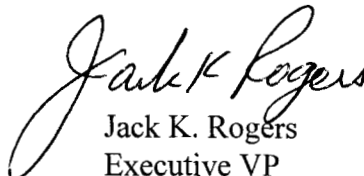
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There are a large number of companies situated in this general vicinity, including the Akron area that would make use of this convenient service to New York. Speaking for myself, and my company, we make numerous trips into LaGuardia. In addition, we have many visitors coming from New York that would make use of this service. This service would obviously have a positive impact on our efforts to conserve expenses, considering the tremendous savings, not only in airfare cost, but in the transportation to and from Cleveland that would be eliminated. This type of savings is important in today's highly competitive retail business environment.

We encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant the slots requested by AirTran because the entire region will benefit from the attractive destination at the right price.

Sincerely,


James E. Bonk
President & CEO


Jack K. Rogers
Executive VP


Bob Roberts
Acting VP, Marketing



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June 3, 1997

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President of Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Pkwy
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell,

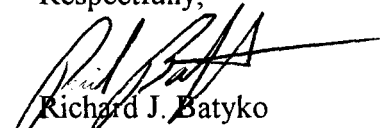
On behalf of The Babcock & Wilcox Company, I'm writing in support of nonstop jet service between Akron-Canton Regional Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company employs over 2,200 in the Akron - Canton regional area, the vast majority of which are professionals. As we are an international company, with manufacturing plants and joint ventures in 10 countries and a global customer base, we rely on easy access to international air service. In addition, we have a Corporate office in New York City.

Because most of our employees reside in the Akron - Canton area, those traveling to New York City on business or to make international connecting flights would likely take advantage of an AirTran Airway link to LaGuardia as a convenient alternative to driving and parking at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. When the significant price differential is factored in, we would direct our travel agency to select AirTran.

Thank you for this opportunity to communicate our support.

Respectfully,



Richard J. Batyko
Director, Communications

TIMKEN

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Roxane S. Paquelet
Supervisor-Travel & Transportation

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WORLDWIDE LEADER IN BEARINGS AND STEEL

May 28, 1997

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6820 Hazeltine Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am to hear that AirTran is doing so well from the Akron/Canton Airport and is looking to expand service to New York-LaGuardia.

Over the years, Timken associates and other Stark County residents have always had to take a connecting flight or drive 65 miles to Cleveland for a direct flight to LaGuardia. With AirTran's direct service, we could offer our associates convenience, our Company cost savings, and leisure travelers Broadway! The Timken Company would certainly welcome direct service and would be happy to support your airline in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Roxane S. Paquelet

HOOVER

101 East Maple Street
North Canton, Ohio 44720-2597
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AirTran Airways
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Sincerely,



Jacquelyn B. Love
Public Relations Manager

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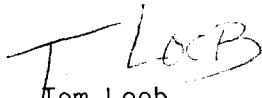
Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltime National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Gus:

Because we recognize the need for affordable transportation to New York, we support AirTran's application for slots at LaGuardia airport. Diebold, has a large divisional office in the New York area. Several hundred trips are made to that destination annually. Akron/Canton airport is just across the highway from our headquarters office in Canton. Our associates would definitely take advantage of the convenience this routing would bring to their busy schedules.

If you should decide to engage in this adventure, Diebold will actively support this service. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Tom Loeb
Director Purchasing
Diebold Inc.



May 31, 1997

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Mr. Fred Krum, Director
Akron/Canton Regional Airport
5400 Lauby Road
North Canton, OH 44720

SUBJECT: OST-97-2557

Dear Fred:

It is my understanding that you are currently working on getting AirTran Airways to provide daily flights between Akron/Canton and LaGuardia Airport. We openly support and urge that such service be instituted between Akron/Canton and the New York City area, specifically to LaGuardia Airport.

We have people going into New York City each week and there are two reasons why we would like to have this new service provided:

1. It's non-stop and as a consequence we can go in and out on the same day and not have to spend a night in the city. Most other ways of traveling to New York City from here either require a drive to Cleveland, which makes for an extremely long day and/or having to stay overnight. The other alternative is to stay overnight.
2. Also, we believe that the fees to go into New York City have been excessive and this would bring back the competitive nature to the northeast which has been extremely expensive, as far as travel is concerned.

We wish you success and certainly would like to urge the Department of Transportation to support such a program.

You have the support of our company and we will utilize that service on a weekly basis if it is implemented.

Thank you.

Cordially,

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Robert T. Smyth
President

RTS/cai

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175 South Main Street, Suite 207
Akron, Ohio 44308 USA

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

NEOTEC, the Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium, covers a market of 4.5 million people and approximately 8,500 manufacturing businesses. Because we recognize the need for affordable transportation to New York, we enthusiastically support Air Tran's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport. Akron-Canton is centrally located and offers easy access and low parking rates. We are glad to see that airlines are recognizing the importance of smaller airports in their strategic planning efforts.

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Sincerely,

NEOTEC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale E. Gibbons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "G".

Dale E. Gibbons
Executive Director

DEG:pc

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June 4, 1997

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

We are pleased to learn that AirTran Airways has requested slots for service into New York's LaGuardia Airport from Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We have been very satisfied with AirTran's track record since service commenced between Akron-Canton and Orlando over a year ago. The fact that over 90,000 people have used the service demonstrates that the quality and reasonable fares are appreciated. Further, it demonstrates AirTran's commitment to serving medium sized markets with non-stop jet service.

Actually, while Akron-Canton is a medium sized airport, it serves a very large market. Northeast Ohio is a market of over 4 million people. It contains four of Ohio's eight major cities. Akron-Canton Regional Airport is in the middle of this market, and can be reached with an easy drive. This is attractive for the leisure traveler focused on low fares. Further, the Akron and Canton communities have very healthy economies, including Fortune 500 company headquarters, strong and growing small companies and active international trade. These communities are providing the majority of the job growth in the Northeast Ohio region. Needless to say, the business community would welcome the convenience of reasonable fare service into LaGuardia.

As a regional chamber of commerce with 1,900 members, we want you to know you have the support of our community in your efforts to obtain these slots into LaGuardia. We encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant your request. It will benefit our people with convenience, cost savings and reduced highway travel.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Erickson
President & CEO



**Stark
Development
Board, Inc.**

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May 30, 1997

Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL, 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

The Stark Development Board is pleased to support your application for approval of non-stop jet service between the Akron-Canton Regional Airport and LaGuardia Airport. The potential availability of reasonably priced jet service to New York will provide an important service that will help to support the economic growth and overall prosperity of the Akron-Canton market. The proposed air service will also provide a vital link in supporting the needs of the region's business community by providing additional options for travel to New York City or making connections for international flights.

We recognize that for more than a year AirTran Airways has provided reasonably-priced jet service to more than 90,000 passengers traveling to and from Orlando, Florida from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We are grateful for your commitment to the area and recognition of the Akron-Canton Airport as an important location for your airline.

Please feel free to call on the Stark Development Board for whatever assistance you might require in your efforts to seek approval from the U.S. Department Transportation to grant AirTran the necessary slots to begin providing air service to and from LaGuardia Airport.

Sincerely,

Chuck West, Chairman

cc: Fred Krum
Congressman Ralph Regula
Senator Mike DeWine
Senator John Glenn



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Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Parkway
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce has always been a strong supporter of the Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We completely back your effort to obtain slots at LaGuardia!

For more than a year, AirTran has provided reasonable fare jet service to Orlando from the Akron-Canton Regional Airport. We recognize AirTran as a price and quality leader based on their track record, having flown more than 90,000 people to and from Orlando. We also appreciate their commitment to serving medium-sized markets with nonstop jet service at a price we can all afford.

Because we recognize the need for affordable transportation to New York, we enthusiastically support AirTran's application for slots at LaGuardia Airport. Akron-Canton is centrally located and offers low cost parking and easy access. We are glad to see that airlines are recognizing the importance of smaller airports in their strategic planning efforts.

If AirTran obtains the slots it is requesting, travelers will be able to fly nonstop to LaGuardia at up to 50% off current published unrestricted fares. That type of price leadership creates value for the community. Travelers who use to drive can now fly to Orlando because of the affordable fares. We would like to experience the same value to New York. We encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant the slots requested by AirTran because the entire region will benefit from the attractive destination at the right price.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Higley

Stephen S. Higley
Chairman of the Board

Nick P. Navarra

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President

cc: Kristie Van Auken

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Mr. Gus Carbonell
Vice President of Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Dr.
Orlando, FL 32822



**CANTON/STARK COUNTY
CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAU**
A Department of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

Dear Mr. Carbonell:

I am writing in regard to the possibility of AirTran Airways having a direct flight from Akron-Canton to LaGuardia starting in the fall of 1997. As a professional in the tourism industry, I would like to express the advantages of having such a flight for our community and regional area.

The Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors' Bureau's primary responsibility is to attract conventions, meetings and sporting events to the Stark County area on a regional and national level. Throughout the years, many of the events we have held have included participants from the New York area.

Additionally, we have been promoting Stark County as "Ohio's Golf Capital" for the past four years, and as part of the marketing for this program, we travel to golf shows throughout the region to attract golfers and groups to play on our fine courses. We are beginning to penetrate the New York area and are starting to see business from that market in Stark County.

I feel that a direct flight with the Akron-Canton/New York connection would be extremely beneficial in the promotion of such events making it convenient for individuals to come to our area. The economic impact from such a convenience could enhance many programs and create opportunities that promote tourism in Stark County.

Your consideration and time in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 800-533-4302.

With Best Regards,

Beth A. Borda
President

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Telephone 330 796 8891
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May 23, 1997

Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

Dear Mr. Carbonell,

As an active representative of the Akron Canton Regional Airport Travel Advisory Board, I would like to express our support of expanded service from AirTran. BTI Americas Akron office handles all corporate travel for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company nationwide as well as leisure travel for their associates. Goodyear makes several hundred trips to New York area annually and is located only 30 minutes from Akron Canton Airport. Our travelers would appreciate the opportunity to shorten their business trip by using a local airport.

Should you decide to initiate flights from Akron to New York, BTI Americas will actively promote and support the service. If you have any questions or are in need of further information please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 330-796-3731.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Norman
National Account Manager
BTI Americas, Inc.

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Diebold Inc.
818 Mulberry Road SE
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May 30, 1997

Gus Carbonell
Vice President, Planning
AirTran Airways
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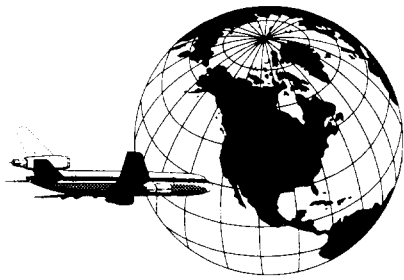
Dear Gus:

As a representative of the Akron/Canton Regional Airport Travel Advisory Board, I am expressing our support of the LaGuardia service. BTI Americas books all corporate travel reservations, for Diebold Inc. nationwide. Diebold makes several hundred trips a year to the New York area because a major division office located there.

I'm sure that if decided to initiate service, our associates would support this service as it would offer convenience and reduce travel time. If you need further information, please contact me at 330-489-4329.

Regards,

Sandi Watson
National Account Manager



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**Akron Auto Club
& Travel Agencies**

May 30, 1997

Gus Carbonell
V.P., Planning
Air Tran Airways
6820 Hazeltime National Drive
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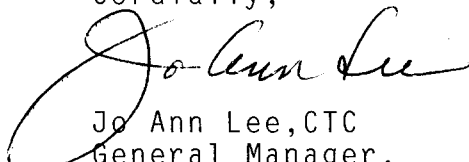
Dear Mr. Carbonell:

It is our understanding that Air Tran Airways is considering service between Akron-Canton airport and New York's LaGuardia airport at a future date.

Our agency tickets clientele quite frequently between Cleveland and LaGuardia, only because our clients want non stop service. I personally have two clients who make five to six trips to New York each year and will only take non stop service.

We hope that Air Tran will seriously consider this new service. We are certain that our agency and its five branch offices can support you.

Cordially,


Jo Ann Lee, CTC
General Manager,
Travel Operations

American Automobile Association

The Massillon Automobile Club



Gus Carbonell
Vice President of Planning
AirTran Airways
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May 23, 1997

Mr. Carbonell,

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This letter is an endorsement of AirTran Airways attempt to offer jet service between New York Laguardia Airport and Akron-Canton Regional Airport.

The well-populated area is a great industrial center and convenient service to New York City will be an asset to the business community. The community has supported the AirTran flights to Orlando and will support flights to LaGuardia.

Please advise me if any of our agencies can offer any additional endorsement.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen Crites'.

Karen Crites
Travel Manager

Linda Truby's

ABOVE THE CROWDS

Travel & Meeting Planning



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Vice President of Planning
Air Tran Airways
6280 Hazeltine National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Mr. Carbonell,

It is my understanding that Air Tran Airways is considering service between Akron-Canton and New York, LaGuardia airports. This letter is to let you know that a number of my customers would use such service for both business and pleasure, were it offered, and that I would be pro-active in offering it to all my clients headed for the New York area.

As of now, passengers from the Akron area who want to go to New York have as their only options either a change of plane enroute, if they depart from Akron-Canton, or a drive to Cleveland for a nonstop flight. In fact, other than Pittsburgh, there is nowhere in the east that passengers can fly nonstop from Akron-Canton. And unless they are staying over a Saturday night, fares are always extremely high.

Many of my customers have made the transition on their Florida trips to depart from Akron-Canton, thanks to your fine service to Orlando. They have found the airport much simpler to use, the parking easier and less expensive and the Air Tran flights very reliable and reasonably priced. If a similar service is provided to New York, I am certain it would be greeted equally well.

Please keep me abreast of your decision about providing service in this market. I'll look forward to being among the first to use it!

Sincerely,

Linda Truby, CTC

E-mail address: AbvCrowds@juno.com

GORDON AIR TRAVEL

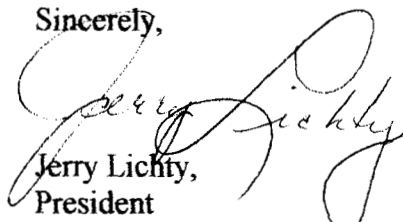
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U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I own two travel agencies in the Akron, Ohio area. I also serve on the advisory board of the Akron Canton Regional Airport. In my capacity as a board member I have learned that Airtran Airways will file for landing rights at La Guardia Airport in New York. I understand that flights into New York will give Akron Canton Airport possible non-stop service to La Guardia. This is an option that travel agents in the area have requested for some time. We have many business travelers who need easy access to the New York area. It is available from Cleveland, but the Akron Canton Regional Airport services a southern region that requires an hour and one half to two hour drive to Cleveland. It is my professional opinion that the business and leisure travel from the Akron Canton area would easily support this type of service.

Sincerely,



Jerry Lichty,
President

Gordon Air Travel and Lake Anna Travel Agencies

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Dear Mr. Carbonell,

All of our agents at Hartville Travel were elated at the news that Air Tran may begin daily service from Akron Canton Airport to La Guardia Airport. The Service to New York is greatly needed from our area, and we believe will be well supported by our customers in our marketing area. This service would open many opportunities for great travel connecting to Europe and to the Caribbean via EWR, JFK, and beyond.

We are delighted Air Tran has offered this service and sincerely hope DOT will quickly approve it.

Sincerely,
Larry Schrader, President

Hartville Travel



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June 2, 1997

Johanna Miller
138 Pershing Ave. N.E.
North Canton, OH 44720

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Akron-Canton Airport
5400 Lauby Rd.
North Canton, OH 44720
Attn: Krum

Dear Krum:

I am writing in reference to case number OST-97-2557; AirTran Airways application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide daily flights between Akron-Canton and LaGuardia.

I am originally from Long Island, NY, and I frequently travel back to visit with relatives. I live in North Canton and have young children, it would be wonderful to have a direct flight from Akron-Canton to LaGuardia. It would also make it much easier from my relatives to come out to Ohio and visit. It is always difficult to arrange transportation for visiting relatives from the Cleveland Airport.

I hope to be hearing that AirTran is adding an Akron-Canton – LaGuardia connection very soon. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johanna Miller', written in a cursive style.

Johanna Miller

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James A. Leath

2660 Loyola Circle N.W. • North Canton, Ohio 44720

5-30-97

Dear Fred,

Kay and I, along with many friends, travel to New York for business and pleasure each year. This service would be excellent to encourage more frequent travel to the New York area and bring more people to the Akron Canton area for the local events & visits to the Hall of Fame & etc.

This would save time from traveling to Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Thanks for your support on this added service.

Sincerely
James Leath

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Mary Kallos
8456 Market N.
N. Canton, Ohio

44721

June 2, 1997

Management
Akron/Canton
Airport
N. Canton, Ohio

Sirs;

We need a "Direct Flight"
from Akron/Canton to New York City
N.Y. (La Guardia Airport)

Please!!!

Thank you,
Mary Kallos

To Fred Krum —

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I am definitely in favor of AirTRAN flight service to La Guardia from the Akron/Canton Airport. I have four children and three are in New York. Our youngest just completed her freshman year at Fairfield University. It was always 2 planes for her — either Delta or US Airways. It was a hassle & we would truly appreciate this service. Our

oldest daughter and son-in-law live in Manhattan. They were excited about the possibility of a direct flight "home". It would even mean more time here on visits.

We - as parents - look forward to the NYC connection - reference case number: OST-97-2557.

Thank you.

Anne Belden

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Memo

From

SALLY Z. KITSON

To Fred Krum,

June 3, 1997

Case # - OST-97-2557

We support Air Tran Airways application to provide two daily flights between Akron-Canton and La Guardia.

We have a daughter in New Jersey. This would make it easier for all of us to go back and forth.

The flight to Orlando have already helped us since we travel back and forth to our Florida home.

Thank you
Sally Z. Kitson

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MR. Fred Reum

This is in reference to Case #
OST-97-2557

Akron-Canton Airport is our
Airport of Choice.

We support service to N.Y. City
B-1 Air Tran and will use the
service as we have family in N.Y. City
and in the past the best service to
La Guardia is US Airways which isn't
time consuming

Keep up the good work CAR

Sincerely,

Dean Stutlers & Family

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Dean W. Stutlers

TO U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
IN REFERENCE TO CASE # OST-97-2557

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I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE MY SUPPORT
OF THE TRANS APPLICATION TO FLIGHT TO
NEW YORK'S LAGUARDIA AIRPORT FROM
AKRON-CANTON AIRPORT. - I WHOLEHEARTEDLY
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET
TO ME AND MANY OTHERS. WITH EASY ACCESS
TO THE AIRPORT FROM GREATER AKRON
IT WILL SAVE ME BOTH TIME AND COST.

AS I CAN REACH MY BUSINESS AND SOCIAL
CONTACTS IN NEW YORK CITY, CONNECTICUT, AND

NEW JERSEY MORE READILY. ALSO THE
AKRON-CANTON, AND YOUNGSTOWN AREA WITH OVER
1.7 million PEOPLE IS GREATLY UNDERSERVED

THANK YOU, MARKIN, VONZI ANDERSON.
AKRON, OHIO